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Territory awarded \$500K grant award from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Governor Togiola Tulafono announced that the US Department of Transportation-National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has awarded American Samoa with a \$500,000 grant (for FY 2008) under the State Traffic Safety Information System Improvement Grant Program.

The territory's grant is based on information that is gathered by the local Highway Safety Office. The submitted information certified American Samoa's compliance with federal laws and also demonstrated measurable progress toward achieving the goals and objectives identified in the territory's traffic records strategic plan.

In addition, American Samoa certified that it has adopted and uses model data elements

identified under the program, or will use grant program funds towards adopting and using the maximum number of model data elements as soon as practicable.

"I am confident that these grant funds will help American Samoa continue to implement significant improvements to its traffic records system," Governor Togiola said, adding that better access to more reliable data, in turn, will allow the highway safety professionals to design and manage more effective strategies for reducing crashes, deaths, and injuries.

Togiola concluded, "The actions that American Samoa has taken in addressing these serious problems are to be commended."

The State Traffic Safety Information System Improve-

ment Grant Program was established by the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, and Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users. It encourages states to adopt and implement effective programs to improve the timeliness, accuracy, completeness, uniformity, integration and accessibility of state data; to evaluate the effectiveness of efforts to make such improvements; to link state data systems, including traffic records, with other data systems within the state; and to improve the compatibility of the state data systems with national data systems and data systems of other states in order to enhance the ability to observe and analyze national trends in crash occurrences, rates, outcomes, and circumstances.

Governor Togiola argues that majority of ASG workers are honest and hardworking

During his paid weekend radio program this past Saturday, Governor Togiola Tulafono defended that American Samoa Government workforce, saying that the number of honest workers far exceeds that of dishonest ones and therefore, the two should not be grouped together.

Togiola was responding to a caller who said that dishonesty among government workers is an ongoing practice, and ASG workers continue to take things that don't belong to them.

The Governor explained that there is a small number of government workers who engage in dishonest practices; however, the majority of ASG employees are honest and that is why, according to him, everyone shouldn't be labeled as one.

With regards to the recent allegations of a Certificate of Identity (CI) scam involving employees of the Attorney General's Office, the Governor said that the case is pending and he has faith in the local judicial system.

Togiola said that these types of incidents occur in all governments, churches, and businesses, but the American Samoa Government will continue to move forward, despite the actions of some ASG employees.

He said there is nothing under the sun that runs 100% smoothly, as nothing and nobody is perfect.

Governor submits names of five people for the AS Visitor's Bureau Board

Governor Togiola Tulafono has submitted to the Fono the names of five people he has nominated to sit on the seven-member board of the newly formed American Samoa Visitor's Bureau (ASVB).

"With my selection of the first board of the American Samoa Visitor's Bureau, our hopes for tourism in American Samoa are put in very capable hands," Togiola said through a letter to the Fono.

Those who have been nominated to fill the slots that require government members are Virginia Samuelu of the Department of Commerce, and Nanai Afuola of the Office of Samoan Affairs. Roger Moder has been nominated to fill the seat for the National Park Service.

Samuelu has been with the DOC's Tourism Office for the past decade while Nanai is currently the Deputy Secretary of Samoan Affairs. Moder is the superintendent of the National Park of American Samoa.

For the private sector, Governor Togiola has nominated businessman Tom Drabble to fill one of the two seats for the American Samoa Visitors Association (ASVA), and local attorney Roy J.D. Hall Jr. to fill the opening for the Chamber of Commerce.

Samuelu, Nanai, and Drabble are to serve four-year terms while Hall and Moder will each serve three-year terms on the ASVB Board.

The five nominations leaves two more slots vacant. One seat is still open for another ASVA member while the other opening is for a representative of the cruise ship industry. The names of two people to fill the last two openings on the ASVB Board are yet to be submitted to the Fono for confirmation.

DOC reminds business owners to renew their business licenses or face prosecution

Director of the Department of Commerce Faleseu Elui Paopao has issued a public notice to remind business owners about the 2009 business license renewal period and business site inspections.

All 2008 business licenses will expire on December 31, 2008 and any business that fails to renew its license by January 30, 2009 is required to cease all business operations or otherwise be subject to prosecution pursuant to Section 27.0211(b) of the American Samoa Code Annotated.

DOC will be conducting regular on-site inspections of all businesses for CY 2009 business licenses and business owners are advised to post their 2009 business license certificates in a conspicuous place on the premises.

In the event that the Revenue Office has not yet issued a business license certificate, business owners are asked to present their receipt as proof of payment.

DOC officials are authorized to enter any building or premises for the purpose of conducting an inspection with respect to business activities. Interference with DOC officials in the performance of these duties can result in arrest or prosecution.

More information regarding the notice can be obtained by contacting the DOC's Economic Development Division at 633-5155 or 733-7125; or by visiting their office on the second floor of the A.P. Lutali Executive Office Building in Utulei.

LBJ Medical Center now offering money-saving Child Program

The LBJ Medical Center is now offering the Child Program, which allows patients who are 19 years old and younger to be seen and treated in the outpatient clinic for a flat fee of \$20.

Jennifer Tofaeono of LBJ Hospital's Patient Services explained that the Child Program is for both residents and non-residents.

The Child Program basically means

be billed more than \$20, no matter how many different types of services they require i.e. lab tests, medications, etc...

Currently, patients seeking medical assistance at the LBJ Medical Center usually have to pay \$10 just to see a doctor, another \$10 for each necessary lab test, and \$10 for prescription medication. LBJ's recently revised billing schedule imposes charges for different

services, which have driven medical bills to an average of \$40-\$50 per visit - a far cry from a few years back when people only had to pay \$1 for lab tests and \$5 to see a physician.

Fortunately, the Child Program couldn't have come at a more perfect time, as the cost of living continues to increase and people are feeling the pinch of higher fuel prices, electric bills, and the cost of food.

DMWR first responders get crash course in marine mammal stranding

First responders from the Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources (DMWR) are participating in a four-day training on Marine Mammal Stranding which is being conducted by David Schofield who is the Pacific Islands' Regional Officer for NOAA Fisheries.

Training included a mock stranding exercise at the Utulei Beach where DMWR staff got an understanding of how to better respond to incidents that involve beached mammals like whales and dolphins. In addition, reconnaissance exercises were also carried out, during which time DMWR staff members reported seeing an estimated 10 whales this past Tuesday.

According to Schofield, mammals are beached because of reasons that are either natural or man-made. Natural causes include sickness like pneumonia, while man-made reasons include the mammal being tangled up in fishing nets, among other things.

Beached whales and sightings of these large sea creatures are becoming more and more common in the territory, as local waters are the choice mating grounds for humpback whales that migrate from the Antarctic each year to escape winter conditions in warmer waters.

Dolphins are usually seen off the waters of Fagasa, Aunu'u, Leala, and Pago Pago. Earlier this year, a beached whale that injured itself on the reef died in Tula. This week, DMWR received reports of whale sightings as far west as the airport area, and on the east in Lau'i'i.

Science and Rescue Coordinator for the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whales Sanctuary David Matilla will arrive in the territory next month to begin surveying the whales during mating season. He will be joined by the director of the Marine Mammal Institute at Oregon State University Dr. Bruce Mate who pioneered the development of satellite-monitored radio tags placed which are placed on whales so humans can track the journeys of humpbacks and other species in unprecedented detail.

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Additional supply of flu vaccine is available at DOH free of charge

The Department of Health's Immunization Program is once again informing the general public that an additional supply of flu vaccine is available, and local residents can get their shots free of charge.

Getting vaccinated is a great way to prevent influenza - more commonly known as the flu - which is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses and can cause mild to severe illness and at times, can ultimately lead to death.

"The best way to prevent the flu is by getting a flu vaccination each year," says a DOH advertisement.

And while people in the US mainland have to fork out fees to get their flu shots, local residents don't have to pay anything out of pocket as the flu vaccine is free!

Those who are at high risk for serious flu complications are encouraged to get vaccinated. These include the elderly and young children, as well as those with certain health conditions like diabetes, hypertension, and renal disease.

Symptoms of the flu include a high fever, headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, and muscle aches. Stomach discomforts like nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea can also occur but are more common in children than adults.

Flu complications can include bacterial pneumonia, ear infections, sinus infections, dehydration, and worsening of chronic medical conditions such as congestive heart failure, asthma, or diabetes.

All of these can be prevented if people take advantage of the free flu vaccinations being offered by DOH.

Flu viruses spread mainly from person to person through the cough or sneeze of people with influenza. People may sometimes become infected by touching something with flu viruses on it, and then touching their mouth or nose.

Most healthy adults may be able to infect others beginning 1 day before symptoms develop, and up to 5 days after becoming sick. "That means that you may be able to pass on the flu to someone else before you know you are sick, as well as while you are sick!" DOH warns.

More information on the flu vaccine can be obtained by calling the DOH Immunization Program at 699-8464/8465 or by visiting their office in Tafuna on the Fagaima Road.

HISTORICAL NOTES

By: Stan Sorensen, Historian, Office of the Governor

On September 20, 1930, the American members of the American Samoan Commission left Honolulu for Pago Pago, aboard USS *Omaha*. The members were joined by Albert F. Judd, legal adviser; William S. Chillingworth, reporter; Reuel S. Moore, representing the United Press, and Joseph R. Farrington, managing editor of the Honolulu *Star-Bulletin*. Merl LaVoy, Pathé News photographer, had boarded *Omaha* at San Pedro, California, along with Captain William Rea Furlong, USN, Chief of the Policy and Liaison Section of the Navy's Office of Island Governments.

On September 20, 1943, the Utah Construction Company "concluded all construction which was in accordance with Contract NOY-4173 [the Pacific Naval Air Bases {PNAB} contract]. All property which had been leased by them was turned over to the Navy. The Contractor's work was taken over by the Construction Battalions [U.S. Navy "Seabees"] which had come on the island. To the contractors goes a great percentage of the credit for laying the groundwork for the defenses of Tutuila and making the island fairly well protected against the enemy."

On September 21, 1927, Owen Stuart Aspinall, American Samoa's 43rd (and eighth appointed) Governor was born in Grand Junction, Colorado. He served with the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division in World War II, received a BA in Anthropology from the University of Denver in 1949 and an LLB from American University in 1955. His public offices included: Deputy District Attorney of Mesa County, Colorado, 1957-1961; Appointed Attorney General of American Samoa, December, 1961; Territorial Secretary (Lieutenant Governor) of American Samoa, November, 1962; appointed Governor of American Samoa, August 1, 1967-July 31, 1969.

On September 23, 1949, President Harry S. Truman approved a Memorandum of Understanding recommending that American Samoa and other U.S. Pacific Territories be transferred from Naval to Interior administration. He established July 1, 1951 as the transfer date.

On September 24, 1941, "The Commanding Officer, First Samoan Battalion [U.S. Marine Corps Reserve] ...pointed out that from 1,500 to 2,000 Samoans were employed by the Public Works Department, Pacific Naval Air Bases, Contract NoY 4174 and NoY 3550, and in Island Government positions. These employees were generally the most intelligent and best physical specimens in Samoa. Wages of this group were high and enlistment in the Samoan Battalion did not compare favorably. It was recommended that a satisfactory arrangement be made with the Contractors to permit recruits to attend drills."

On September 24, 1941, the commanding officer of the First Samoan Battalion, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve recommended to the Commandant of the Marine Corps, Lieutenant General Thomas Holcomb, that his unit be called to active duty for a six-week basic training course in "Mormon" (i.e., Mapusaga) Valley.

DOH working on outreach efforts as dengue fever cases hit pandemic

The local Department of Health has confirmed approximately 69 cases of dengue fever in the territory so far this year. Of that number, 57% of the victims are male while 43% are female, from infants to adults.

Dengue fever has claimed its first victim this year, a 10-year-old boy who died two weeks ago.

The increase in the number of confirmed dengue fever cases in the territory, as well as other places across the Pacific region has triggered warnings from the World Health Organization that the disease is spreading in pandemic proportions.

Earlier this month, the number of recorded cases had reached 51. Of that number, 40 were discovered in a matter of three short weeks. At this rate, the territory could exceed the number of cases last year, which totaled 109 and resulted in one death.

As dengue fever continues to spread, DOH is calling on all local residents to help prevent the spread of the disease by cleaning up around their homes and getting rid of anything that can hold standing water, as the mosquito that carries the dengue virus breeds in water.

Mosquito-breeding sites include old tires, oil drums, buckets, ice cream containers, etc.

DOH medical director Dr. Ivan Tuliau says it is extremely important that everyone pull together to rid their homes and surroundings of these items, especially during this time of wet weather.

Tuliau said they are concerned with the increasing number of dengue fever victims, and they are hoping that the number of cases would stay low. But a community effort is necessary in order to stop the spread of a disease that can ultimately lead to death.

The recent outbreak of dengue fever came about after the territory hosted the 10th Festival of Pacific Arts, leading to speculations that the virus could have been brought to the territory by some of the visiting Festival delegates.

DOH said it is possible that some Festival participants arrived here without knowing they were carrying the dengue virus.

In addition to American Samoa, other Pacific countries including Kiribati, New Caledonia, Fiji, Tonga, Samoa, and Palau have also reported increasing number of dengue cases.

"DOH continues to urge our community to continue to take preventive measures against dengue. Prevention is the key word that our community should focus attention on," Tuliau said.

Last year, DOH worked with village mayors and the Office of Samoan Affairs to spearhead outreach efforts. But as the number of cases continues in an upward spiral, DOH is looking at other ways of launching new awareness programs that targets youngsters.

Tuliau said their health team will be meeting this week to discuss the next move in educating the public about the danger of dengue fever and how to prevent it. He referred to a successful awareness program that was launched in schools across Singapore and said that DOH anticipates working with the local Department of Education to assist them in carrying out a similar program within local schools.

DOH continues to recommend the 3Ds of dengue fever prevention which includes:

- *Draining standing water around the homes and areas within the villages;
- *Dressing in long sleeve shirts, pants, socks, and shoes; and
- *Using mosquito repellent that contains "DEET" on exposed skin.

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More Historical Notes:

On September 24, 1942, Captain John Gould Moyer, Commandant of the U.S. Naval Station Tutuila, requested 108 additional men to participate in the construction of a destroyer repair base.

On September 24, 1945, the second USS *Tutuila* (ARG-4) dropped anchor at Jinsen (now called Inchon), Korea. "She operated there as a maintenance vessel for ships engaged in the repatriation of Japanese prisoners of war. She continued this work after moving to Taku, China, where she arrived on 26 January 1946."

On September 25, 1956, a census of American Samoa was conducted, in conjunction with the governments of Western Samoa, Tonga, the Cook Islands, Niue and Fiji. American Samoa's population was 20,154. 47% (9,768) were under 15 years of age. "For every 1,000 women of child-bearing age (15 to 49 years) there were 846 children under 5 years of age. This figure is significantly higher than any reported for other countries in the United Nations Demographic Yearbook and indicates Samoan families are continuing to have in excess of 6 children per couple."

On September 26, 1930, the cruiser USS *Omaha* arrived in Pago Pago Harbor, carrying the American members of the American Samoan Commission. They were greeted by the Samoan members: Mauga Moimoi, Tufele Fa'atoia, and Magalei Siasulu, who were appointed to the Commission by President Herbert Hoover. Captain William Rea Furlong, Chief of the Policy and Liaison Section of the Navy's Office of Island Governments, acted as Naval Aide to the Commission. In the afternoon, formal hearings began at the Poyer School in Anua.

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Governor Togiola tells ASPA he is considering a tax credit for renewable energy users

Governor Togiola Tulafono, through a Sept. 12 letter to the American Samoa Power Authority Board of Directors and management team, said that he will be considering a tax credit for renewable energy residential users.

“I am pleased that the Board of Directors and management of the American Samoa Power Authority have adopted net metering rules for small renewable power generation,” Togiola wrote. “To support residential users, I will be considering a tax credit for renewable energy residential users.”

The Governor said he is very pleased that ASPA submitted a grant proposal to the US Department of Agriculture for a waste heat recovery system that he says will result in a 10% credit for residential consumers, and a reduction of more than \$2 million per year in the cost of power for the local canneries.

Togiola has called and written to the US Department of Agriculture to express his support for the project because of its benefits to the canneries and consumers who are paying some of the highest rates in the nation, in addition to the reduction in carbon emissions in American Samoa.

“Even though we are small by world standards, we need to do our share to stem global warming and sea level rise among other problems,” Togiola wrote, adding that as a follow up to an earlier conversation and his recent communication regarding renewable energy, he would like to strongly encourage ASPA’s Board of Directors and management team to develop and adopt rules that would enable the connection of independent power producers based on avoided cost models established originally under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA) of 1978.

“I continue to worry that the unprecedented high cost of fuel may rise even further and result in even higher electric power costs for American Samoa,” the Governor wrote. “The cost of electricity may have reached the point where private investments may make some sense.”

Togiola concluded, “I hope that you will consider adopting such rules and I would appreciate being notified of any such action.”

Net metering is an electricity policy for consumers who own generally small, renewable energy facilities, such as wind or solar power. Under net metering, a system owner receives retail credit for at least a portion of the electricity they generate, meaning excess electricity production can be banked for future credit.

The rules vary significantly by country and possibly state/province (if net metering is available, if and how long you can keep your banked credits, how much the credits are worth -retail/wholesale, etc.).

Net metering is generally a consumer-based renewable energy incentive. And while it is important to have net metering available for any consumer that interconnects their renewable generator to the grid, this form of renewable incentive places the burdens of pioneering renewable energy primarily upon fragmented consumers.

Often, over-burdened energy agencies are not providing incentives on a consistent basis and it is difficult for individuals to negotiate with large institutions to recover their net metering credits and/or rebates for using renewable energy.

In the US, as part of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (under Sec. 1251), all public electric utilities are now required to make available upon request net metering to their customers.

UH School of Architecture Team Aids ASCC Facility Management

By James Kneubuhl, ASCC Press Officer

A team of 11 doctoral candidate students in architecture and one professor from the University of Hawaii (UH) School of Architecture visited the American Samoa Community College (ASCC) this week to conduct field studies and interviews which they will use to advise the College on its long-term Facility Management Plan. “The architecture students have taken a look at our present infrastructure, and also conducted interviews with the administration and staff to determine how that infrastructure can best suit our needs now and in the future,” explained ASCC Director of Administrative Services Otomalesau John Ah Sue. “They’ll take the data they’ve collected with them back to Hawaii, and by next month they’ll have completed a five-to-seven-year Master Facility Plan for the College. This plan will serve as a guideline for us to make the best use of the ASCC infrastructure by modifying existing buildings and constructing new ones.”

The UH architecture students will work on the ASCC master facility plan as part of their coursework towards completing their Doctorate degrees. Their Harvard-trained instructor leading the visit, Dr. Janine S. Clifford, teaches in the area of Community Design & Sustainable Research, and also heads her own architecture firm, Clifford Planning LLC. Students Allysa Taylor, Andrew Shaw, Joyce Nip, Dianna Wallis, Carla Dal-Santo, Jenny Lei, Raquel Gushi, Cherri Marinas, Yishan Fu, Leon Bissarra and Leah Stucky joined Dr. Clifford for four days of working on the ASCC campus as preparation for creating the master facility plan.

During a presentation before the ASCC Curriculum Committee and faculty, the architecture students shared their methodology for formulating the plan. Working in small groups, they consider all available information on a site (in this case, the ASCC campus), including its history, its surrounding environment, the community it serves, and projections for its use during the next 10 years. The architecture students gathered much of this data on ASCC and American Samoa in advance of their visit, but gained additional insights through actually traveling to the College, observing the infrastructure for themselves, and meeting its faculty, staff and students. The team from UH also met with ASCC President Dr. Seth Galea’i and the College’s Deans and Directors, and with the Board of Higher Education.

Ah Sue explained that the relationship between ASCC and the UH School of Architecture goes back more than 10 years. “In 1994, a team from UH made a visit here under the same arrangement as the team with us this time. The master facility plan generated by the UH architecture students in 1994 helped the College a great deal with its projections for how to best manage its resources for the decade that followed. In recent years, the College’s enrollment has soared, and we’ve also determined our priority programs for the future, such as Teacher Education, Trades & Technology, Nursing, and Samoan Studies. All of these new factors made it necessary for us to take a fresh look at our resources. By doing a new master facility plan, the UH architecture students will provide us with a very valuable asset for future plans.”

Architecture student Leon Bissarra took a moment out from his work on the ASCC campus to share his impressions of the College and American Samoa, which he described as “lush, green, nice and definitely warmer than Hawaii”. Bissarra explained that the visiting group consists of doctoral candidates in architecture taking part in a project that combines three Urban Design classes into one. “We consider Urban Design on a small, medium, and large scale,” he said. “For the first phase of the project, the small scale portion, we focused on everyday living conditions in Hawaii and the types of affordable and sustainable housing that might work best in the future. The ASCC visit represents the medium scale portion, where we consider the infrastructure of a site in terms of its service to the community. For the large scale portion, we plan to do a detailed analysis of how the proposed rapid transit system in Honolulu will impact the city. After we conclude our project with ASCC, we travel to San Francisco to gather data on their Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) System.”

While the UH visitors spent most of their time at ASCC doing their research and conducting interviews, they did take a moment out this past Wednesday to enjoy some local hospitality when the College’s administration staff hosted a lunch for them which featured a Samoan menu. The gathering included a gift-giving ceremony, after which the visitors gathered for photographs wearing their new lavalavas and ulas.



◀ *Eleven doctoral candidates from the UH School of Architecture visited ASCC this week to do research towards creating a Master Facilities Plan for the College. Joining the students for their photo are their professor, Dr. Jenine Clifford (back row, second right), and next to her, Olomalesau John Ah Sue of ASCC.*

ASCC President Dr. Seth Galea’i ▶ chats with Dr. Jenine Clifford of the UH School of Architecture. (Photos: J. Kneubuhl)



American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Request for Comments on the American Samoa 2008
Integrated Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Report**

The American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency (AS-EPA) has prepared the American Samoa 2008 Integrated Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Report. This report is intended to satisfy the listing requirements of Section 303(d) and the reporting requirements of Section 305(b) and 314 of the Clean Water Act. The report places waters in five (5) assessment categories. Category 5 waters are considered impaired (do not meet one or more designated uses) and are 303(d) listed. In the 2008 report Category 5 waters include 16 watersheds due to elevated levels of Total Nitrogen, Total Phosphorus, Turbidity, Dissolved Oxygen and/or bacteria in the streams, and 26 watersheds due to elevated levels of bacteria and/or other nonpoint source pollutants on beaches.

The report is available to the public at the AS-EPA office in Utulei. AS-EPA invites public comments on the report. Comments must be submitted in writing within 30 days of the first published date of this notice, 19 September 2008. Submit comments to the AS-EPA office or by mail to AS-EPA Water Program, P.O. Box PPA, Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799. For more information, please contact LT Elena Vaouli, AS-EPA Water Program Manager at 633-2304.

Thank you,



Fanuatele, Dr. T.F. Vaiaga'e, Director
American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency

Matagaluega o le Si'osi'omaga i Amerika Samoa

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**Talosaga mo le Fa'atalatalanoaina o le Ripoti ua Tu'ufa'atasia ai
Su'esu'ega ma Fa'amaumauga mo le Suavai Mama• i Amerika Samoa mo le 2008.**

Ua mae'a nei ona saunia e le Matagaluega o le Si'osi'omaga i Amerika Samoa (AS-EPA) se Ripoti o lo'o Tu'ufa'atasia ai Su'esu'ega ma Fa'amaumauga mo le Suavai Mama i Amerika Samoa mo le 2008. O lenei ripoti o le tali atu lea i aiaiga o lo'o i lalo o le tulafono o le Suavai Mama• (Water Quality Act); vaega 303(d) ma mata'upu e tatau ona tu'u i totonu o ripoti – vaega 305(b) atoa ai ma le 314 o le Tulafono mo le Suavai Mama•. E lima (5) ni vaega o lo'o ta'ua i totonu o le ripoti ua vaevae ai le su'esu'ega ma ituaiga o le suavai. O suavai o lo'o i le vaega lima (5), o suavai ia ua le mafai ona la'asia fuafuaga fa'ata'atia mo le fa'aogaina ma ua tu'u i le lisi o le 303(d). I le ripoti o le 2008, o lo'o ta'ua ai o suavai oi le vaega lima (5) o lo'o a'afia ai nofoaga e sefulu ma le ono (16) o loo tapu'e ai le suavai, e mafua mai i le maualuga o fuaninumeru ua o'o ai le faitauaofa'i o le naitoroseni (nitrogen & phosphorous), tulaga palapala (Turbidity) ma le Okeseni faaliusuavai (Dissolved Oxygen), ma le luasefulu ma le ono (26) i matafaga, poo ogasami e fa'aoga mo tafaoga ma ta'elega o loo siitia pea le siama o loo maua ai ona o otaota.

O lenei ripoti e mafai ona maua e le mamalu o le atunu'u mai le Matagaluega o le Si'osi'omaga i Amerika Samoa. E talosaga atu lenei matagaluega ma le fa'aaloalo i ni manatu fa'aalia po'o ni fa'amatalaga e fa'ata'au i lenei ripoti. E mafai ona tusi ma lafo, pe faaoo mai i le matagaluega a le AS-EPA ae le'i atoa le 30 o aso talu ona faia lenei fa'asalalauga, 19 Setema 2008, i le AS-EPA, Porokalama o le Suavai, P.O. Box PPA, Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799. Mo nisi fa'amatalaga au'ili'ili, fa'amolemole fa'afeso'ota'i LT. Elena Vaouli o le AS-EPA i le 633-2304.

Ma le Fa'aaloalo Lava,



Fanuatele, Dr. Toafa T.F. Vaiaga'e, Director
American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency